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# News Release

## **Puerto Rican predator sentenced to 5 years in prison**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—A 39-year-old resident of Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico was sentenced here Friday to five years in federal prison and 10 years of supervised release for producing material containing child pornography following a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigation.

Harold Ortiz-Graulau was arrested on June 23, 2005. Officers of the Puerto Rico Police Department (PRPD) received information alleging that Ortiz-Graulau attempted to develop photographs containing child pornography at a local store. ICE agents were later contacted and subsequently executed a search warrant at Ortiz-Graulau's residence.

An examination of the photographs, allegedly taken by Ortiz-Graulau, and several other materials seized by ICE, revealed an adult committing lascivious acts against a minor.

Ortiz-Graulau was indicted on July 6, 2005 for possession of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 2252. He pleaded guilty on Dec. 13, 2005. A superseding indictment charged Ortiz-Graulau with production of child pornography.

"We will continue bringing these unscrupulous criminals to justice," said Lydia St. John-Mellado, acting special agent-in-charge of the Puerto Rico ICE office. The abuse and exploitation of our children is despicable and we will continue using all our resources to conduct these types of investigations."

Ortiz-Graulau's arrest was part of a nationwide initiative known as Operation Predator. Operation Predator protects our children from sexual predators, including those who travel across continents to have sex with minors. Internet child pornographers and criminal alien sex offenders and child traffickers are also a priority for ICE. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, there have been more than 6,500 individuals arrested nationwide.

ICE encourages anyone who wants to report suspicious activity of suspected child predators and suspicious activity through our toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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